742. Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to furnish a copy of the Government Order L.Dis. 21014/15, dated 10th June 1940, Development Department with a copy of the petition referred to therein?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Secretary to Government):* A copy of the petition and a copy of the Government Order are placed on the Council table.

Copy of the petition, dated 3rd June 1940 from M. Parameswaran, Clerk, Medical Department.

I beg to submit the following few lines for your sympathetic consideration and favourable orders.

I am the second clerk in the General Hospital, Ernakulam and have put in about twelve years of service. I have passed the Intermediate Examination of the Madras University, but could not continue the studies for financial reasons. I am anxious to complete the B. A. course. I belong to a poor Ezhuva family and am not in a position to complete my B.A. without some help from the Government.

I understand that there is an order that leave of any kind with pay should not as a rule be granted for purposes of studies. According to this order I am not eligible for leave with pay, without which I would not be able to continue my collegiate course. I therefore pray that the Government may be pleased to allow me, as a special case, the leave that I am ordinarily entitled to under the Rules, for the prosecution of my studies.

If the Government think that the above request is not permissible I humbly request that I may kindly be allowed to attend the college without detriment to my work in the Hospital. The hours of attendance in the Hospital are from 8 to 11 in the morning and 4 to 5 in the evening. Since the college hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. a small concession allowing me to attend the Hospital in the morning from 7 to 10 instead of 8 to 11 would enable me to attend the College also, without in any way affecting my work in the Hospital.

Should the Government be pleased to grant me this small concession it would really be a great help not only to me but to my poor family as well.

Copy of the Government Proceedings L. Dis. 21014/15, dated 10th June 1940
Leave or change of office hours—request for

Read petition dated 3rd June 1940 from Mr. M. Parameswaran, Clerk, General Hospita, forwarded by the Chief Medical Officer with his endorsement on E. No. 5479/15, dated 4th June 1940.

Order L. Dis. 21014/15, dated 10th June 1940

The request cannot be granted.

(By order of the Government of Cochin)
(Signed)
Deputy Secretary

(True copy)

MUSIC AND NEEDLE MISTRESSES

743. Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there are not other specialists namely music and needle mistresses who do not possess the minimum literary qualification like the Quran teachers;

(*b*) when should the Quran teachers come to school and when can they leave the school;

(*c*) what is their daily time of work;

(*d*) if any teacher is absent should not the Quran teachers work in that class in the place of the absent teacher;

(*e*) should not the Quran teachers also pass the special examination prescribed by the Government like other specialists without the minimum qualification?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* (*a*) There are at present a few among the Music and Needle work Mistresses who do not possess the minimum literary qualifications, but they were appointed before minimum literary qualifications were prescribed for such teachers.

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There are also a limited number among them who were appointed after the minimum literary qualifications were prescribed, but who do not possess such qualifications. They were appointed after giving exemption in individual cases. This is done for want of qualified hands.

(*b*) The working hours of the Quran class are the following.

8-30 a.m. to 9-50 a.m.
4 p.m. to 4.40 p.m.

(*c*) Please see answers to sub-division (*b*) above.

(*d*) This is not obligatory for the whole of the secular teaching time in school. They are to attend school also during one of the secular sessions, *i.e.*, 1-30 p.m. to 4 p.m. and work for the absent teacher, if any,

(*e*) Yes. They have to pass the Quran teachers Examination.

KURICHIPADAM CHIRA

744. Mr. M. I. Paul *(Narakkal)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Government have noted the report about the Kurichipadam chira in the Malabar Mail of 23rd Thulam 1121;

(*b*) whether the Government realise the dire necessity of the said Chira;

(*c*) whether the Government have alloted amount for the work of the Kurichipadam chira Survey No. 637 of the Elankunnapuzha village in pursuance of Order L.Dis. 1541/19, dated 14th Makaram 1119 in which it has been stated "the petitioners are informed that the work will be taken up in 1120".

(*d*) whether the Government have started any work under the above said order;

(*e*) whether the Government are aware that out of the 13 owners of the paddy fields called *Myyar*, which is adjacent to the Kurichipadam chira and where the work of the bund has been started, 10 of them have submitted to the government a petition stating that they do not want that chira *there in Myyar*;

(*f*) whether any one in that village has ever requested for a chira to be put up in the said Myyar fields; if so, who are the petitioners and when it was submitted;

(*g*) whether the Government know on what specific order the said work was started in Myyar fields;

(*h*) whether the Government know that the Elankunnapuzha Panchayat members passed the estimate of the work for the Kurichipadam chira, if so, why the Panchayat President diverted the work to a different place and whether the Government have taken any action in the matter, if so, what action;

(*i*) what are the several items of the work shown in the estimate of the said work and the amount allotted for each item of the work in the Estimate?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development)*:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No. The chira was not found necessary in Survey No. 637. A bund was found necessary across the canal which has been ordered to be put up.

(*c*) The amount allotted by Government is for improvements to Kurichipadam bund (please see the budget of 1120).

(*d*) The Kurichipadam bnnd work has been started.

(*e*) Yes. Their request was the out care of "Bilious Malice". These petitioners possessed only small extent of paddy fields in *Myyar* Padam and they did not stand to suffer if the bund on the backwater side in *Myyar* field was removed.

(*f*) No.

(*g*) Please see answer to (c).

(*h*) The Panchayat passed the estimate of the which are actually proposed and worked out. There was no deviation from the original proposal.

(*i*) Forming earthern bund		Rs. 477
(2) Side protection		Rs. 1,931
(3) Construction of sluice		Rs. 2,443
(4) Tender excess provision		Rs. 1,149
	Total	Rs. 6,000

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